

Business Directory.

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# THE ALMA RECORD.

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Alma, Mich., Friday, October, 9 1885.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

George Wright returned from Saratoga Wednesday.

The work of plastering the sanitarium will begin at once.

The dance at the rink last Friday evening was a slim affair.

Dr. Suydam's new building received a coat of plaster this week.

Chicago wins the league base ball championship this year.

Mr. H. F. P. Schneider is on a hunting trip in the north part of the state.

The roof is being put on the wing of the sanitarium as rapidly as possible.

Our correspondents are taking a rest this week. Hope they won't do so often.

A new meat market is to be opened in the room west of the Gratiot Co. Savings bank.

Bro. Hoskins, of the St. Louis Leader, made this office a pleasant call Tuesday morning.

J. H. Suydam, of Dakota, has been in town this week, the guest of his son. Dr. J. F. Suydam.

Rumor says that Chas. McNally, of the Wright House, has in preparation a volume of poems, to be published soon.

C. H. Axtell and son Will went to Howell Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. C's mother. They returned Monday.

Dr. Kazebee, the new dentist, has received rosters over the Gratiot County Savings Bank and is ready for business.

East Lyne will not be played next Tuesday evening as was intended. A change in the cast of characters has been made and the manager cannot tell just when it will be produced.

John Johnson, of Richland, started in the bee business last spring with 16 swarms. He claims to have sold \$200 worth of honey and bees this summer and has 30 swarms left. Must be profit in it.—Corner Local.

"Lives a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, 'I'll pay before I go to bed, the debt I owe the printer. Yes, there are some we know full well, who never such a tale could tell, but they we fear, will go—well, the place where there's no winter.'"

We have been treated to many nice things in the fruit line not to speak of delicious pumpkin pie but the last received was the finest. Mrs. Wood sent to this office half a bushel of the finest apples we have seen this season. She will please accept our hearty thanks for the same.

E. M. Hopkins, who was one of the instructors in the normal held here last summer, now teaching at Elm Hall, has arranged a course of lectures to be given this winter for the benefit of the school library. This is an excellent idea, and Elm Hall citizens ought to give him their hearty support.

W. O. Johnson has a variety of potatoes which we should think it would pay to raise. We saw one the other day that had been kept ever since last fall and it was as solid and fresh looking as though just taken from the ground. Mr. J. says he is going to put half a bushel of them away and see how long they will keep.

There are those who have all along said that "Munson is no good on earth," and now there are several others in town who believe the statement stronger than they did before his recent trip here. As a builder of monster carriage factories he is hardly a success, and will most likely never show up here again.—St. Louis Leader.

Judging from his actions it will be a blessing to St. Louis if he does not.

On Tuesday the site of the soldiers' home was changed from the Burchard farm near Reed's Lake, to the Nelson farm north of the city, on the bank of Grand river. The proposed building will be a brick, 250x112 feet. The main building four stories high and basement, 110 feet to the base of the flagstaff, capable of accommodating 400 persons. The plans drawn by F. W. Hollister, the East Saginaw architect, were accepted.

St. Louis Republican: Monday afternoon J. A. Wilcox, of this village, received a kick square in the face from a stallion he had lately purchased, which came near proving fatal. As it is he sustained a very serious injury. The bones from the lower jaw up were broken in a frightful manner, and the face was crushed beyond recognition. Drs. Wheeler and Kennedy were called and are doing all that is possible for the injured man.

The St. Louis Republican man gets very nervous over the comparison of hotel registers in the two towns in last week's RECORD, and this week in order to make St. Louis appear as elephantine as possible as compared with Alma, counts up the number registered at the three principal hotels there and then wants to count noses with the Wright House. Now, just to convince you, poor deluded man, that it is time for your self-conceit to "take a tumble," we herewith give the number registered at the two principal hotels here for those four days: Monday, 57; Tuesday, 47; Wednesday, 35; Thursday, 43; total, 182 to your 191. Compare well don't you when you consider that St. Louis is one-third larger than Alma and you take three hotels to our two? Was Munson one of the arrivals? For the week ending last night the number of arrivals at the Wright and Alma Houses was 228, and the majority were not persons who simply took one meal and then departed, but stayed from one to two days.

Still the work of making sidewalks goes on.

The Portland Observer is for sale. Why is this thus?

G. S. Ward and family returned from their eastern visit Saturday last.

Fourteen out of sixty-four failed to pass at the recent teachers' examination.

Wm. Jeffers, of Flint, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Phipps, a few days this week.

The post office is now kept open at the noon hour. It is a great accommodation to the people.

Slight snow storm Tuesday morning. We'll have to get used to that sort of thing pretty soon now, so it's no use to grumble.

There has been a slight change in the time card of the D. L. & M. railroad. The change occurs on the main line, however, so will not be noticeable here.

Maynard Summers, of Sheridan, was in town Monday and Tuesday, the guest of his cousin, Geo. Yerington. He made the RECORD office a pleasant call.

Those who went to the fair from this place report a good attendance but poor displays. We were unable to attend, but are very sorry to hear such a report.

Five dwellings, a blacksmith shop and the novelty works have already been built at Salt River this summer and two stores, the mill, a harness shop and four dwellings are now in course of construction.

"The Michigan Cremation Company" is a new organization formed in Detroit, with a capital of \$35,000. The object of this company, if we understand it, is not only to earn its living, but to turn its dead also.—[Lowell Journal.]

There was a small meeting of "ink slingers" in the Journal office at Edmore Monday afternoon. Brother White was there, of course; Rogers, of the Lakeview Enterprise dropped in, and the editor of the RECORD listened with wrapt attention to the profound wisdom of these two orators.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 13 and 14, the morning passenger train on the Saginaw and Western division of the D. L. & N. Railroad will run through to Lakeview, to enable those who wish, to attend the fair at that place. You can leave here in the morning and return in the evening on the regular train.

A new iron bridge with a 70 foot span is being put up by the D. L. & N. railroad company over Pine river at Alma.—[Edmore Journal.]

Big pardon for contradicting, but it is not the D. L. & N. that is building the bridge. It is Pine River township, and it's not a railroad bridge either.

A young Detroit dude put in an appearance at the dance last Friday evening, and after attempting a laugh at the style of dancing in vogue in this vicinity, went on the floor for the purpose of showing the uninitiated "how we do it in Detroit."

The result was that he "got lost in the shuffle" before the end of the first figure. One Alma dancer is worth a Baker's dozen as he proved himself.

A debate is to be held at Salt River on the evenings of October 7, 8 and 9, by Rev. Lee McKinney, of the Universalist persuasion, and Mr. A. Eagan, a Campbellite.

On the question "Do the Scriptures teach the doctrine of endless punishment?" Mr. Eagan takes the affirmative and upon the second question, "Do the Scriptures teach the happiness of all mankind?" Mr. McKinney takes the affirmative. Judges have been selected, and an interesting debate is looked for.

Monday afternoon we made a short visit to Edmore, a thriving town we have not visited for over two years. We used to know every building and almost every person in the town, but time—and fire—have made several changes. We had a pleasant visit with Brother White and wife, of the Journal, and met many other old acquaintances. The block of new bricks going up will be a vast improvement to the town, and when they get the old Commercial House site built up again the western end of Main street will look less dismal. There was a wedding in town that afternoon, although we were not aware of the fact until the last moment almost. Mr. O. Beardsley, an old acquaintance, and Miss Tillie Rindel, were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, and took the evening train north. The RECORD's compliments go with the happy couple, also our best wishes.

Mt. Pleasant Tribune: A number of farmers interested in sheep held a meeting on the fair grounds on Wednesday, for the purpose of making an organized effort to improve the breed of sheep and quality of wool in this county. An organization to be known as the "Isabella County Wool Growers' Association" was effected, with the following officers: President, Frank Crego, of Lincoln township; Secretary, J. E. Day, of Isabella; Committee on constitution and by-laws E. Salisbury, of Chippewa, Andrew Shaw, of Chippewa, and Alexander Cameron, of Isabella. A meeting of the association will be held in the court house, Mt. Pleasant, on December 19, to which all interested in the object in view are invited. In this county at present the long wool sheep predominate, although there is a fair representation of the short wool breed. The organization effected Wednesday is a commendable one, and the well known enterprise and ability of the gentlemen interested is a certain guarantee that it will be carried to a successful issue.

Persons wishing to buy or sell, work or hire, rent or exchange, etc., will find it to their advantage to make their wants known at the Intelligence Office, opposite the Wright House. See ad. in next column.

There will be a special meeting of Alma hose company next Monday evening. All members of the company who wish to continue in the organization are requested to attend.

The jail question has been dropped for the present. The committee appointed to investigate found that the cost would be between \$800 and \$1,000. Some action will be taken in the spring, but for the present the old lockup will have to do.

The State Board of Corrections and Charities have written a letter unjustly criticizing the new county poor house. All those conversant with the facts, with whom we have had any conversation, think the board had better go home and put cold water on their heads until they get smaller. A few of the facts in the case are as follows: On the start the board of supervisors appropriated for the new building (which has just recently been completed and taken possession of) all the law would allow them—\$1000. The committee in charge of the building expended \$1,200 more upon their own responsibility trusting to the good sense of the board to ratify their action in the matter. This, we are informed, the board stand ready and willing to do at their next meeting. We have never seen the building but taking the word of those who have we are led to believe that the building is better than the average and as good as the county can afford at present. Everyone except these members of the S. B. of C. and C. seems to be united, so we presume the county will pull through all right and take care of her poor just the same as though these gentlemen had not made a splurge. There is reason in all things and so long as the poor are taken care of and made comfortable we think it better to have a rather ordinary building than one that will pile the taxes up mountain high.

Once, way back in the early history of the world, when darkness had reigned supreme for some time, God commanded "let there be light; and there was light!" This was a good many years ago and times have changed in many respects, and especially in this one. Now when the inhabitants of a town get tired of shuffling around in darkness they have to set to work to get a different order of things, and it is our opinion that operations cannot be commenced too soon to bring about a different state of affairs in Alma. The beautiful summer days, with their twilight evenings have passed away; Autumn, glorious and golden, is speeding fast, and winter with its shivers and shakes and darkness will soon be upon us. Our little village, that in the day times is filled with life and animation and busy people flitting to and fro in the sunlight, will then be wrapped in almost Egyptian darkness soon after the sun goes out at the golden gate in the west. The only light that brightens the streets is that which comes from store windows; and this is all right as far as it goes, but on a dark night it doesn't go far. It is not only disagreeable but it is bad for the town and its reputation. People who come here and grope about in the darkness don't go away with that pleasant idea of the town that they would were it brilliantly lighted. They go away with the idea that it's a kind of a one horse town and can't afford the expense. Those acquainted with the town know that this is not the case. There is more life and business activity here than in many a larger town, but in this matter of street lighting the village is lax. The expense of lighting would not be very great, but the improvement would be felt and appreciated by every person in the town. The village fathers have been doing excellent work and plenty of it, and we bring this subject to their attention not in a spirit of faultfinding, but because we believe it to be "For the interest of Alma and vicinity," as the motto at the head of this paper reads. Cannot some action be taken in this matter, or must we grope our ways in darkness this winter? We see no good reason why we should and hope to hear that sufficient light will soon be provided, and our little city made to look less deserted in the evening.

**VANITY!**

The ALMA RECORD comes out with a new head. Under its new administration the RECORD is a live, enterprising local paper.—Portland Review.

The ALMA RECORD came out last week with a brand new head. Quite an improvement.—Lakeview Enterprise.

The RECORD now sports a new head and we don't see why it shouldn't prosper.—Edmore Journal.

Miss C. M. Fleming is constantly making improvements in the ALMA RECORD, and her newspaper is rapidly becoming one of the most sprightly in the state.—Detroit Evening Journal.

The ALMA RECORD has donned a neat, new heading, which adds greatly to its appearance. The editor retains the same talented head, however, which is a guarantee that the RECORD will maintain its reputation as an excellent local paper.—Mt. Pleasant Tribune.

The ALMA RECORD is edited and published by a woman, unmarried at that. Miss G. M. Fleming is the lady's name and she is making for Alma the best local paper the town ever had. It was long ago demonstrated that woman was a power in journalism as a writer of general literature and now the fact that Miss Fleming assumes to control and manage wisely and well a local newspaper, is sufficient to serve careless, indifferent newspaper men the state over to better efforts or find in enterprising woman a worthy rival.—Ovid Union.

## ELWELL.

"Correspondence of the RECORD.

There seems to be considerable excitement here over the discovery of gold on the farm of Mr. H. Pritchard. Indications were first seen by an old miner and Mr. Pritchard bored down to the depth of 38 feet when a rock was struck that the common drills would not affect, and which upon examination proved to be blue quartz with plenty of gold in it, as a piece of the quartz the size of an egg weighed over one pound. Mr. P. is now engaged, with a force of men, in sinking a shaft down to this rock.

Our postoffice has moved over the way. Wheat looks well in this locality; corn is mostly in the shock.

Mr. Haney has bought the hall and is remodeling it into a dwelling and meat market.

## BUSINESS LOCAL.

E. L. Stark is selling a good Glove Grain Button Shoes for \$1.25.

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House and Lot for Sale. Very desirable house and lot on south side of the river in Alma. Inquire of Fred Ely, at the post office. \$19 4

**ATTENTION LADIES!** Miss Allen, late of Big Rapids, wishes to inform the ladies of Alma and vicinity that she has opened dress making in all its branches at the residence of Mrs. J. W. McLeod. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. None on the shortest notice.

**Farms for Sale.** Six 80 acre lots, partially improved and wild, will be sold at a bargain. J. W. MCLEOD, Alma, July, 2.

**Farms for Sale.** Parties wanting to purchase a farm, will find it to their interest to call at the Bank of W. S. Turck & Co., Alma, Mich., before purchasing elsewhere.

**For Sale or Exchange.** My lively stock in Alma. Good horses, good buggies and good trade. Will sell for cash, or exchange for desirable property. Being blind I desire to quit the business. Call on or address E. Braut, Alma, Mich. \$2500

**Notice of stockholders meeting.** Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders of the Lansing, Alma, Mt. Pleasant & Northern Railroad Company has been called for the Directors of said company to be held at Wright's Opera House, in the Village of Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan, on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1885, at eight o'clock in the evening, and that said meeting will be held accordingly at said time and place.

Dated September 9th, 1885.  
MARCUS POLLASKY,  
Secretary of said company.

**WHEREAS**, my wife, Margaret Coon, has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation, I hereby warn all persons from trusting her on my account as I will pay no debts or contracts entered into by her.

Alma, Sept. 21, 1885.  
GEO. W. COON.

**ALMA MARKET REPORT.** Corrected every Friday morning by Wright & Schneider & Fry, General Merchants.

WHEAT ..... 12 3/4  
NEW OATS ..... 20  
PORTLAND CEMENT ..... 12 1/2  
HITTER ..... 12 1/2  
EGGS ..... 12  
CORN ..... 12

**Intelligence Department.**

**Wants, For Sale, To Rent, Etc.**

Three girls wanted to do general housework. Two men wanted to cut stove wood.

Lady Clerk wanted in a millinery store.

For Sale, 1 dwelling house and lot, 2 business lots, 2 farms, 2 cows, 1 wagon, 2 buggies, a large quantity of farming tools and other articles too numerous to mention.

Wanted, to rent, a medium sized store building.

Persons seeking employment or applying for positions by mail, should mention their age and trade or occupation, also the wages per week they would expect to receive.

CLERK wanted, one who understands bookkeeping, to work in a dry goods store in an adjoining town. Lady preferred.

Boy wanted, one who does not use tobacco or profane language, to do chores for board, clothes and schooling.

Lady Teacher for country school wanted.

For particulars regarding any of the above wants, call at, or address,

**INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.**

Alma, Mich.

**STATEMENT**

Of the condition of the

**Gratiot Co. Savings Bank,**

ALMA, MICHIGAN.

At the close of business Oct. 5th, 1885.

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts ..... \$10,477 01  
Real Estate ..... 8,500 00  
Furniture and fixtures ..... 1,250 00  
Expenses ..... 827 46  
Due from banks ..... 8,470 94  
Legal tender and bank notes ..... 1,700 00  
Checks on banks ..... 14 00

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital stock paid in ..... \$15,000 00  
Due depositors ..... 7,500 00  
Profit and loss ..... 91 99

\$23,544 96

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. H. WALTON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 1885.  
MARCUS POLLASKY,  
Notary Public.

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